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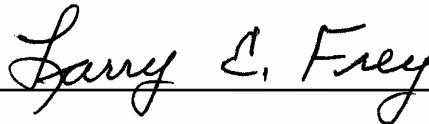
**Oregon Notice
CRP-69**

For: County Offices

CP25 RARE & DECLINING HABITAT

Approved By: State Executive Director

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1 Overview

A Background

Oak Savannas and Prairies (all types) in the Willamette Valley and in the foothills of the Coast Range have been identified as rare and declining habitat. They have suffered a decline of more than 98% based on a biological report prepared by the National Biological Service. This designation allowed Oregon FSA to apply for CP25 to be made available as a practice under CRP. Approval has been received to use CP25 in the designated areas for general signups beginning with SU29. This will make additional ranking points available to those applicants who agree to establish either Wet Prairies or Oak Savannas with Upland Prairies.

B Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to describe the specifications of these practices in order to restore the functions and values of habitats identified as critically endangered, endangered or threatened. The following specifications will be added to 2-CRP ex. 9 in a future amendment.

C Specifications for Oak Savannas and Upland Prairies and Wet Prairies

Purpose:

- restore degraded Oak Savanna and Upland Prairie and Wet Prairie habitats
- provide habitat for rare and declining wildlife species by restoring and conserving native plant communities
- provide habitat for rare and declining native plant species
- increase native plant community diversity and/or increase percent native plant cover
- manage unique or declining native habitats

Where Used:

- on any landscape which once supported, currently supports or can be managed to be Oak Savanna and Upland Prairie or which once supported, currently supports or can be managed to be wet prairie

Disposal

December 31, 2004

08-12-04

Distribution

STO, DD, COR, COC, COF

Plan Requirements:

- on Oak Savannas and Upland Prairie will insure the herbaceous component reach its objective within 30 years and the oak component will be at an appropriate state relative to the baseline condition when the restoration began.
- on wet prairie will insure the desired native plant community reach its objectives within 10 years.
- must include management activities during the life of the contract such as mowing or burning.

D County Office Actions

Information on the availability of this practice should be provided to the public along with information about general signup dates. Counties should review the information on CP25 including cost-share policy and other requirements in 2-CRP (Rev. 4) exhibit 9.

Copies of this notice should be provided to the local NRCS offices.

E Contact

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Lois Loop, Program Specialist.